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## **Events in January to Recognize National Radon Action Month**

(Salt Lake City Utah) – In recognition of January as National Radon Action Month, the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is encouraging homeowners to test for radon gas, which can pose a serious health risk.

"Exposure to indoor radon is the leading cause of lung cancer for non-smokers," noted DEQ Section Manager John Hultquist. "Since elevated levels of radon gas can occur in three out of every ten homes in Utah, I encourage all Utah residents to test for radon to protect them from this dangerous gas."

Radon, a natural decay product of uranium, is a radioactive gas released from rock, soil, and water. It is colorless, odorless, and tasteless. Radon is classified by EPA as a carcinogen, causing about 21,000 deaths from radon-induced lung cancer in the U.S. annually. EPA designates January as National Radon Action Month to raise awareness about radon and send the message that all homeowners and all homebuyers should test for radon.

"Winter is the perfect time to test for radon in homes," said Hultquist. "Radon tests are inexpensive and readily available. I urge all residents to test for radon, not only in the air but in their water if they have drilled wells, and take appropriate steps to reduce harmful levels."

If elevated levels are detected, there are various methods for reducing radon concentrations to acceptable levels. The costs of mitigating radon vary but it's worth the investment when considering lung cancer has only a 15 percent survival rate five years after diagnosis.

For more information on the health risk posed by radon and how to test it, contact David Neville, DEQ Indoor Radon Coordinator, at (801) 536-0091 or toll free at 1-800-458-0145 or visit [www.radon.utah.gov](http://www.radon.utah.gov).

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**National Radon Action Month**  
Activities

**2008**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>
Wednesday, January 03	8:45 AM	Kid's Choice Radon Awards	5205 South Holladay Boulevard	Holladay
Wednesday, January 03	7:45 AM	Kid's Choice Radon Awards	2217 East 4800 South	Holladay
Thursday, January 04	3:30 PM	Radon Poster Contest Ceremony	168 North 1950 West	Salt Lake City
Monday, January 08	9AM - 11 AM	*CES Century21 McAfee Realtors	1385 East Fort Union Boulevard	Salt Lake City
Tuesday, January 09	6PM - 7PM	Radon - Public Information Session	550 North University Avenue	Provo
Wednesday, January 10	8:00 PM	Public Information Session on RADON	210 East 400 South	Downtown SLC
Monday, January 15	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	RADON Public Information Session	725 South Main Street	Bountiful
Tuesday, January 16	10:00 AM- 12:00 PM	*CES for Coldwell Bankers Residential	9071 South 1300 West #200	West Jordan
Tuesday, January 16	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	*CES for Keller Williams Realtors	6965 Union Park Center STE 160	Salt Lake City
Monday, January 22	6:00 PM	UCAN Radon Presentation	288 North 1460 West	Salt Lake City
Wednesday, January 31	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	*CES for Park City Board of Realtors	1889 Prospector Avenue	Park City
Tuesday, January 22	7:30 PM	Public Information Session on Radon	2880 West 3650 South	West Valley
Wednesday, January 23	7:30 PM	Public Information Session on Radon	2150 East Murray-Holladay Rd (4730 South)	Holladay
Thursday, January 24	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	*CES for Prudential Utah Real Estate	315 S. 500 E Ste. 202	American Fork
Thursday, January 24	7:30 PM	Public Information Session on Radon	10673 South Redwood Road	South Jordan
Wednesday, January 31	10 AM - 12 PM	*CES Park City Board of Realtors	1889 Prospector Avenue	Park City

\*CES is a seminar providing two continuing education credit hours for Realtors

**More events to come...**